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Identical letters dated 18 September 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) committed during the month of August 2015 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

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Land violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
1 August 2015	0905	On the outskirts of the town of Shab'a at the Jabal al-Shahl locality, near observation point OP2 of the Indian contingent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), an Israeli enemy patrol comprising 15 soldiers violated the line of withdrawal, entering some 50 metres into Lebanese territory, and tried to abduct the shepherd As'ad Hamdan, who fled with his flock in the direction of the town. The enemy patrol withdrew into occupied territory at 0930 hours.
2 August 2015	1350	From inside Palestinian territory at the Manarah North 1 position, an enemy Israeli bulldozer arrived at the Shaykh Abbad position and performed maintenance work on the dirt road along the technical fence. The bulldozer's arm crossed the technical fence without violating the Blue Line. It returned to the Manarah North 1 position at 1410 hours.
4 August 2015	1300	Inside the occupied Shab'a Farms at the Saddanah locality, near observation point OP3 of the UNIFIL Indian contingent, while an Israeli enemy tank and engineering vehicle were driving from the Jabal al-Rus position to the Birkat al-Naqqar position, the tank personnel pointed the cannon at personnel at the Lebanese Army observation point for three minutes. They then left in the direction of the Jabal al-Rus position.
5 August 2015	1227 1233	From inside occupied territory opposite the Israeli enemy Hula East position, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising three personnel and a Hummer vehicle approached. One of the personnel trained the Hummer vehicle's mounted weapon at two civilians on the Lebanese side.
8 August 2015	1640	Opposite the town of Kafr Killa near crossing B82, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Hummer vehicles and a Jeep approached. Some 12 personnel stepped out and conducted a foot patrol near the technical fence, where they photographed passers-by and trained their personal weapons on Lebanese territory. The patrol left in the direction of occupied territory at 1715 hours.
14 August 2015	2130 2215	The Israeli enemy fired 11 flares over the Summaqah and Ruwaysat al-'Alam positions inside the occupied Shab'a Farms.
16 August 2015	1200	Inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the Lebanese Army Duhayrah position, a number of Israeli enemy soldiers carried out clearing and maintenance work near their position, using a Poclain excavator and a white pick-up truck. Three hostile soldiers loaded their personal machine guns and pointed them at Lebanese Army personnel. The Israeli enemy finished work and the soldiers and pick-up returned in the direction of occupied territory at 1800 hours.
18 August 2015	1945 2015	Several explosions were heard from inside the occupied Shab'a Farms.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
19 August 2015	0830	Inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite Lebanese Army Maysat observation point, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Poclain excavator, a wheeled bulldozer and two steamrollers arrived and repaired and cleared the road along the technical fence. The Poclain excavator extended its boom above and across the technical fence by approximately two metres for clearing. The Israeli enemy finished work at 1730 hours.
20 August 2015	0800	Inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite the Lebanese Army Wazzani observation point OP8, between the Nakhilah and Maysat East positions, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a wheeled bulldozer, a Poclain excavator, a steamroller, a civilian pick-up truck and a personnel carrier with the flag of the Nahal Brigade of the Israeli enemy army arrived and carried out clearing and maintenance work on the road along the technical fence. Its arm crossed the technical fence into Lebanese territory. The Israeli enemy army finished work and the vehicles withdrew in the direction of occupied territory at 1730 hours.
21 August 2015	0930	Opposite the town of Blida, near observation point BP28, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising four vehicles and approximately 15 soldiers was observed. The soldiers stepped out and conducted a deployment drill, taking up combat positions facing Lebanese territory. They withdrew at 1030 hours.
23 August 2015	1315	Inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite Bi'r Shu'ayb – Blida, personnel from an Israeli enemy patrol comprising 12 soldiers, a Hummer vehicle and a Land Rover vehicle stopped opposite the Lebanese Army observation point and directed curses in Arabic at soldiers at the observation point.
	1340	From inside occupied territory opposite the Kafr Killa crossing, an Israeli enemy foot patrol comprising seven personnel arrived and directed foul language at passers-by. They withdrew into occupied territory at 1415 hours.
25 August 2015	1300	From inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite Duhayrah, in the area surrounding the Israeli enemy position, three engineering vehicles arrived and carried out excavation and clearing work, accompanied by a number of soldiers who deployed at the location. Two of them trained their personal weapons on Lebanese Army personnel stationed at their position in Duhayrah. The Israeli enemy finished work at 1420 hours.
26 August 2015	0700	Inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the Lebanese Army Udaysah checkpoint, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Poclain excavators, a Defender vehicle, a Hummer vehicle and a Merkava tank arrived. The tank pointed its cannon at Lebanese territory while the Poclain excavator extended its arm over the technical fence and uprooted trees located near the fence. It also did some digging outside the technical fence and deposited dirt on the road along the fence. The Israeli enemy finished work at 0845 hours.
27 August 2015	1050	Inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the Amrah area between the Metullah position and the Amrah South 2 position, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two wheeled bulldozers, a steamroller, two Hummer vehicles and two white Rapid vehicles arrived. One of the soldiers carried out clearing and maintenance work on the road along the technical fence. Another pointed his 12.7 mm machine gun, which was mounted on the Hummer vehicle, in the direction of Lebanese territory. The work ended at 1320 hours, and the patrol withdrew into occupied territory.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
28 August 2015	1225	Inside occupied territory, opposite the Labbunah locality at the Israeli enemy position of Jall al-'Alam, a number of Israeli enemy soldiers trained their personal weapons on a Lebanese Army patrol.
29 August 2015	0935	On the outskirts of the town of Shab'a at the Jabal al-Shahl locality near observation point OP2 of the UNIFIL Indian contingent, while the civilians Isma'il Zahra and Mahir Hamdan were herding livestock, an Israeli enemy patrol shot at them from inside occupied territory without injuring anyone. They returned to the town of Shab'a with their livestock.
	1530	On the outskirts of the town of Shab'a at the Saddanah locality, near observation point OP3 of the UNIFIL Indian contingent, the Israeli enemy fired into the air from inside occupied territory over a livestock herder on Lebanese territory.
	1530 1600	From the area around the Birkat al-Naqqar position, soldiers from an Israeli enemy patrol in a Merkava tank directed medium weapon fire at the Ruwaysat al-'Alam position inside the occupied Shab'a Farms.

Sea violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
3 August 2015	1913	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011) of 1 October 2011, proceeding some 225 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
4 August 2015	1841	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 165 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	2140 2235	From inside occupied Palestinian territory at its position opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters three times: the first time for 15 seconds, and the second and third times for 20 seconds.
6 August 2015	2150 2330	From inside occupied Palestinian territory at its position opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for seven periods of 20 seconds each.
9 August 2015	2045 2300	From inside occupied Palestinian territory at its position opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters five times: the first and second times for 15 seconds, the third time for 20 seconds, and the fourth and fifth times for 15 seconds.
10 August 2015	2019 2100	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, the Israeli enemy directed a laser towards personnel of the UNIFIL Indonesian contingent, and four times in the direction of Lebanese territory.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
16 August 2015	0936	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 280 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 64-minute period before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
22 August 2015	2125 2310	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters six times: the first and second times for 10 seconds, the third time for five seconds, the fourth time for 10 seconds, and the fifth and sixth times for five seconds.

Air violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
1 August 2015	0650	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South, Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 1555 hours over Naqurah.
	1030	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 1430 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
2 August 2015	0950	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 1700 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1000	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun. It circled over the South before leaving at 1445 hours over the sea off Naqurah.
	1040	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over the sea between Juniyah and Tripoli before leaving at 1205 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1355	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 1915 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
3 August 2015	0745	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs and Ba'abda before leaving at 2330 hours over Naqurah.
4 August 2015	0700	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 1800 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
5 August 2015	0615	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 2305 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0715	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1500 hours over Rumaysh.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1000	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1215 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
6 August 2015	0545	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut, Matn and Ba'abda before leaving at 1525 hours over Naqurah.
	1415	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut, Matn and Ba'abda before leaving at 0645 hours on 7 August 2015 over Naqurah.
7 August 2015	0815	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut, Matn and Ba'abda before leaving at 1325 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1615	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Naqurah. It circled over Beirut, Matn and Ba'abda before leaving at 0200 hours on 8 August 2015 over Naqurah.
8 August 2015	0550	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut, Matn, Ba'abda, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2245 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1400	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 0700 hours on 9 August 2015 over Alma al-Sha'b.
9 August 2015	0630	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs and the South before leaving at 2030 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0945	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2050 hours over Rumaysh.
	1100	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1215 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	2045	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2235 hours over Kafr Killa.
10 August 2015	0700	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Matn, Ba'abda, Beirut, the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1655 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
	1010	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Matn, Ba'abda and Beirut before leaving at 2045 hours over Naqurah.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1720	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 2240 hours over Aytarun.
11 August 2015	0600	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over Beirut, Matn, Ba'abda, Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1500 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1520	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa, Beirut and its suburbs and the South before leaving at 0240 hours on 12 August 2015 over Rumaysh.
	1635	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 1925 hours over Kafr Killa.
	2110	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 2310 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
12 August 2015	0235	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 1530 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0600	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1615 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1205	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1340 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1625	Four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Jubayl. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1700 hours over Rumaysh.
13 August 2015	0600	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1400 hours over Rumaysh.
	0915	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South, Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2000 hours over Naqurah.
14 August 2015	1355	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 1725 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
17 August 2015	0610	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South, Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1810 hours over Naqurah.
18 August 2015	1040	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South, the Western Bekaa, Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1310 hours over Kafr Killa.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1240	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1700 hours over Naqurah.
	1945 2015	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft circled over the occupied Shab'a Farms.
19 August 2015	0655	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1450 hours over Kafr Killa.
20 August 2015	0600	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1500 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1010	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2230 hours over Rumaysh.
	1020	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 2100 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
21 August 2015	1010	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs, Jubayl and Tripoli before leaving at 1650 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
23 August 2015	1035	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Rashayya, Hasbayya, the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1545 hours over Naqurah.
24 August 2015	0605	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2350 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1215	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1400 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
25 August 2015	0610	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1830 hours over the occupied Shab'a Farms.
26 August 2015	0635	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2105 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1015	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1255 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1240	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the coasts of Jubayl and Juniyah and west over the sea before leaving at 1510 hours over the sea off Jubayl.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1335	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South, the Western Bekaa, Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 1545 hours over Kafr Killa.
27 August 2015	0650	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut, Matn, Ba'abda and the South before leaving at 1320 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0750	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and the South before leaving at 1405 hours over Naqurah.
	1315	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 1625 hours over Naqurah.
	1345	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2300 hours over Rumaysh.
28 August 2015	0805	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 1700 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1010	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1800 hours over Rumaysh.
	1220	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1400 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
29 August 2015	0610	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and the South before leaving at 2210 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
30 August 2015	0800	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1725 hours over Rumaysh.
	1035	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1315 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
31 August 2015	0745	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1600 hours over Naqurah.
	1255	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 1710 hours over Kafr Killa.